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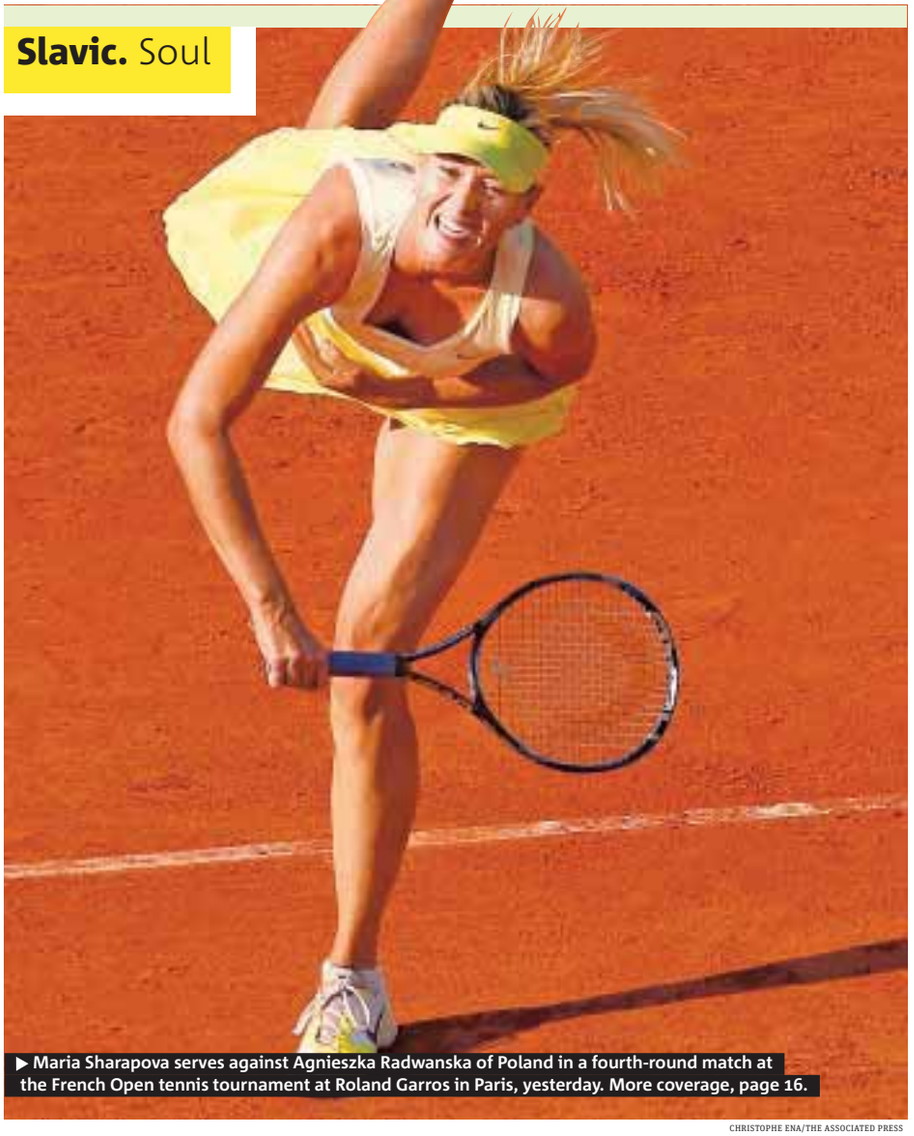

▶ Maria Sharapova serves against Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland in a fourth-round match at the French Open tennis tournament at Roland Garros in Paris, yesterday. More coverage, page 16.

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Russian star advances at French Open

Sharapova won the last four games to beat 12th-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland 7-6 (4), 7-5 and reach her first Grand Slam quarter-final in two years. The seventh-seeded Sharapova has won the other three major tournaments once apiece, but she's still looking for her first title at Roland Garros.

Lights, camera ... light up?

Health unit's wishlist: give films with smoking adult rating, run anti-tobacco ads before show, stop IDing tobacco brands

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It's something we often see in movies ranging from Pirates of the Caribbean to The King's Speech.

And while some of us may not notice when Colin Firth lights up a cigarette, folks at the Middlesex-London Health Unit, and at health agencies across the province, certainly do.

And it's something they don't want shown to kids and teens.

As part of the Ontario Coalition for Smoke Free Movies, starting today they'll pressure the Ontario Film Review board and ask that ratings for films depicting tobacco use be changed to 18A — in other words, restricted for all those under 18.

"It's trying to get tobacco out of youth-themed movies," said Amy Yateman, health promoter with Middlesex-London. "A lot of actors and actresses make it look really cool and it's not a necessary part of the movie."

Teens who see smoking won't necessarily start, but seeing puffers on the big screen could give youth the impression it's normal and "cool," Yateman said. She feels exceptions could be made whenever the consequences of tobacco use are shown, such as a person dying of cancer, or if it's a historical figure who did smoke.

"It's throwing it in for no particular reason or having it there to add to the so-called coolness of the character, that's an issue."

Butt out

- **The U.S. website, scenesmoking.org,** rates movies based on the frequency of tobacco usage. Movies can earn pink lungs for being tobacco-free or dirty ones for frequent usage.
- **Middlesex-London Health Unit** estimates 90 per cent of smokers begin in their teens.
- **Every five minutes,** one teenager will start smoking.
- **Cigarettes kill** an estimated 50 per cent of those who use them.
- **In 2010,** an estimated 14 per cent of teens aged 15-19 smoked.

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Advisory

The Canadian Press has issued an advisory for the Enchiladas Roll Ups recipe that appeared in Metro's Food section last Thursday. The Canadian Press directs people to check whether slow-cooker stoneware can be used on the stovetop before attempting the recipe.

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Humidex. 40 C

▶ Jennifer Hergott, left, and Candace Dube, both from London, enjoy lunch outside the Black Walnut café in Wortley Village on a warm, sunny Monday afternoon.

KYLE REA/METRO

Hot, hot spring heat

Clear and sunny weather is forecast for the remainder of the week, says Environment Canada. The weather agency issued a humidex advisory yesterday for London and expects hazy, hot and humid conditions will continue today. Temperatures are expected to reach between 30-32 C in the afternoon but, with humidity, it'll feel more like 40-plus C. Health Canada advises people to avoid physical exertion and drink plenty of fluids whenever the humidex climbs above 40 C. A cold front is also expected to bring temperatures back to seasonal tomorrow.

Town-hall meeting to tackle violence in sports

The town hall is scheduled from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information on the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport, visit cces.ca

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Too many times as a minor basketball coach, Cheryl Finn has looked to the stands and cringed.

"Parental behaviour is a rising issue for me," said Finn, who has coached various age groups with the London Ramblers. "I'm seeing more (incidents) of parents behaving badly in the stands, toward coaches, and I always wonder why they think this behaviour is acceptable, and ... what their children are feeling when they see their parents acting this way."

The Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) wants to find out, and you're invited to share your input.

The public is invited to attend a televised town-hall meeting tonight. Violence in Sports: A Community Conversation will take place in the Carousel Room of the Western Fair. The town hall will be televised on Rogers TV on Sunday at 7 p.m.

The CCES is holding town halls across the country, gathering information to better define violence in sport and develop a strategy to address it.

"Everybody automatically thinks hockey when they think violence in sport, but people involved in sport in general are seeing it, first of all, not only in all levels of sport but also (at) all ages," said Finn, who's also director of sport tourism with Tourism London.

"And I think those two things combined are very disturbing."

CCES president Paul Melia and Luke Fusco, former dean of the faculty of social work at Wilfrid Laurier, will facilitate the town hall. Rogers journalist Christine Taleski is the moderator.

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"They've got a really valuable insight into this because they're in it. They're in it right now; they're experiencing it right now."

CHERYL FINN ON THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUTH INPUT INTO THE VIOLENCE-IN-SPORTS DISCUSSION

Fanshawe amped up by federal grant

Fanshawe College has received four new equipment grants from the federal government.

The college has been awarded $333,209 to purchase a solar simulator, a 3-D scanner, electromagnetic-compatibility equipment, and acoustical- and vibration-measuring equipment. The equipment will be used for current and future innovation projects with companies in the region.

The new equipment has a wide range of uses and should arrive at the college over the next few months. METRO

It's CTV Two network to you, London

It's the latest in a long line of name changes for channel London.

The CTV television network is creating a new sister service by converting its A-channel stations into the CTV Two network.

CTV's parent Bell Media says A-Channel London will refer to itself on-air as "CTV News London" when the new network launches this fall as the company transitions the stations to a high-definition signal.

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▶ Tim McIlrath of Rise Against

Rise Against announces Forest City tour date

Rise Against will bring their politically aware rock 'n' roll to the John Labatt Centre at 7 p.m. on Oct. 2. Flogging Molly and The Black Pacific are also on the bill.

Tickets go on sale Monday at 10 a.m. METRO

School signs its support for soldier

London native, and Montcalm graduate, receives a piece of Canada from students at his former high school

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He's off to Afghanistan next month to help Canadian Forces and NATO move from combat to a support role.

But when he goes, London native Cpl. Jay Riddolls will take with him a piece of his former high school and the best wishes of its students.

Yesterday, students at Montcalm Secondary School gathered to hear Riddolls, 35, discuss what he'll be doing with Canadian Forces as part of the Mission Task Transition Force. In return, students signed a giant Canadian flag that he'll take with him when he goes as a sign of support.

"To me, it's all about giving back to the community and making sure the students and faculty understand what sacrifice is being made here and abroad," Riddolls said, noting he got the idea for a flag signing while stationed at CFB 4 Wing in Cold Lake, Alta. "It's very important that we're going to have this dedication from the school. Any piece we can take with us is a positive thing from our family, friends and the community."

Riddolls, 35, graduated from Montcalm in 1994 and joined the Canadian Forces in 2004.

He currently serves with the military-police branch in Alberta. His tour of duty, starting in late June, will last for six months; he'll be a liaison for Canadian Forces at the International Military police branch.

His visit to Montcalm was a welcome one for students.

"I think it's great that we get a chance to hear information about his experience. It's not a chance many students get, to hear what's going on from someone who's going," said Rachel Cowell, 16.

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▶ Cpl. Jay Riddolls, a member of the Afghanistan Mission Transition Task Force, watches as Montcalm Secondary School students, from left, Rachel Cowell, 16, Kiana Scott, 16, and Salina Greenough, 15, sign a large Canadian flag. The London native, a Montcalm grad, will take a flag signed by all Montcalm students with him when he deploys to Afghanistan next month.

Afghan transition

- **The Mission Transition Task Force** is, true to its name, the transition from Canada's mission in Afghanistan from a combat role in southern Afghanistan near Kandahar to a support-and-training role for Afghan army and police in the capital, Kabul.
- **Canada is set to withdraw** the bulk of its troops by the end of the year.

Corner stores to remain a booze-free zone

Ontario convenience stores won't be selling booze any time soon despite a survey saying they are better at policing the sale of restricted products to minors than alcohol retailers.

A study commissioned by Ontario's convenience stores association says one in four minors left the LCBO with alcohol, while The Beer Store served one in five. One in eight underage shoppers successfully purchased cigarettes from convenience stores.

While they admit they'd like to be able to sell liquor, the convenience stores also say the goal of their study wasn't to convince the province they should get a shot at doing so.

Dave Bryans of the Convenience Stores Association says they just wanted to show their stores were doing a good job of keeping restricted products away from minors.

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▶ Attorney General Chris Bentley

Attorney General Chris Bentley recently loosened liquor laws to allow adults to drink outside of beer tents at festivals and extended liquor hours for weddings and charity events until 2 a.m., but he says changes won't go as far as to allow people to buy liquor at corner stores.

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Liquor service

- **The LCBO says** its staff challenged 3.6 million people who appeared to be underage or intoxicated.
- **Nearly 193,000 people** were refused service.

HIV suspect denied bail

Bail has been denied to an HIV-positive London man accused of infecting at least two women with the virus that causes AIDS.

The decision was handed down yesterday morning in a London court.

The suspect, 35-year-old Daniel Gracie, has been in custody since early May, when he was arrested on a charge of aggravated sexual assault. Last week, during the start of his bail hearing, a second count of aggravated sexual assault was filed.

In both cases, police say the women Gracie is accused of sleeping with had no idea about his condition.

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Man charged with exposing self to girl, 7

A 42-year-old man has been charged in London, Ont., with sexual offences involving a seven-year-old girl.

Daniel Swarath, of Sarnia, Ont., was arrested on Sunday.

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▶ Premier Dalton McGuinty

Leader all talk, no show

Premier Dalton McGuinty's image is noticeably absent in the latest campaign advertisement from Ontario's governing Liberals.

The 60-second TV spot, which will start airing tonight, features McGuinty's voice, although he's never identified.

The ad shows images of a variety of workers as the unseen McGuinty asks what defines Ontario, and then answers with "the way we work together."

Liberal campaign co-chair Greg Sorbara denies the Liberals are trying to downplay McGuinty's image before Oct. 6 election.

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First homegrown superbug puzzles

NDM-1, a cause of urinary-tract infection, did not make patient sick Bacteria is drug-resistant

Canadian researchers have identified what appears to be the first domestically acquired case of an NDM-1 superbug.

An 86-year-old Ontario man was found to be carrying bacteria resistant to most antibiotics because of NDM-1, or New Delhi metallo-1, an enzyme that alters the DNA of various types of bacteria. NDM-1 is endemic in India and Pakistan and has spread worldwide due to global travel.

But the patient, who was admitted to hospital and then a rehabilitation centre after suffering a stroke last October, had not travelled outside southwestern Ontario for the last decade.

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▶ NDM-1 has spread due to global travel.

None of the man's family members or other close contacts were carrying the superbug, nor had any been to parts of the world where NDM-1 is widespread.

"So it's really unfortunately a mystery in terms of his source, and it certainly suggests that he acquired it here in the southwestern Ontario region," said Dr. Susan Poutanen, an infectious disease physician at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto.

"So whether it was in Toronto, whether it was outside of Toronto, whether it was in hospital or whether it was in the community, at this point we really can't say," added Poutanen, principal investigator of a study on the case.

She said the case is not cause for public alarm but is meant to alert hospitals and labs not to dismiss NDM-1 as a cause of drug-resistant bacteria in patients merely because they have not travelled outside Canada. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Flood. Tour

▶ NDP Leader Jack Layton takes a walk along a street immersed in floodwaters in the town of St-Paul-de-l'Ile-aux-Noix, Que., yesterday.

GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Layton sloshes in Quebec

Sporting a pair of thigh-high boots, Jack Layton treaded into floodwaters and into the controversy over Ottawa's response throughout the crisis.

Camera did not go off in Tory's pants, party says

A lewd photo posted on a PC candidate's Twitter account has led to a tongue-in-cheek request to ban BlackBerry smartphones in the legislature to "protect the privacy of members."

New Democrat Peter Kormos took the swipe after what the Conservatives say is an erroneous report that George Lepp's BlackBerry camera went off in his pocket and took a photo of his genitals, which was later tweeted from his account.

Tory spokesman Alan Sakach says no one ever thought the picture was Lepp's, and that he has no idea where the picture came from. He says the candidate's BlackBerry was stolen Saturday night as he left the party's convention. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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E. coli outbreak spurs blame game in Europe

Europeans traded blame yesterday over the source of a mysterious bacterial outbreak that has killed 14 people and sickened hundreds across the continent, forcing Russia to ban imports of some fresh vegetables from Spain and Germany out of fear they could be contaminated.

Austrian authorities sent inspectors to supermarkets to make sure Spanish vegetables suspected of contamination have been taken off shelves, while in Italy the country's paramilitary Carabinieri has been on the lookout since Saturday for suspected contaminated imports from Spain and the Netherlands.

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▶ A vendor gives a cucumber to a woman at a produce market in Malaga, Spain, yesterday. Health authorities in Spain say there is no proof the contamination began there.

Pia Ahrenkilde Hansen, a European Union spokeswoman, said German authorities had identified cucumbers from the Spanish cities of Almeria and Malaga as possible sources of contamination and that a third suspect batch, originating either in the Netherlands or in Denmark and traded in Germany, is also under investigation. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Doctor faults accounting for billing dead patients

A Calgary doctor suspended for billing irregularities that included submitting claims for treating dead people says he's a bad bookkeeper.

Dr. John van Olm says he was treating many nursing-home residents and by the time he submitted claims for his services, some of them had died. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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He is also found to have submitted exaggerated bills claiming to have seen 185 patients a day, and was reprimanded for getting loans from a couple of patients.

Afghanistan. Visit

▶ PM Stephen Harper, left, and Minister of Defence Peter MacKay in a bunker at a forward operating base in the district of Sperwan Ghar, Afghanistan, yesterday.

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PM salutes troops

Stephen Harper made the trip to the Kandahar region as Canada prepares to end its presence in the Afghan war.

Top Libyan brass defects

Former officers from Moammar Gadhafi's regime urge others to jump ship Denounce both 'genocide' and 'violence against women'

Eight top Libyan army officers who have defected from Moammar Gadhafi's regime appealed to fellow officers yesterday to join the revolt to hasten the end of Gadhafi's 40-year rule.

Italian Foreign Ministry officials presented the five generals, two colonels and a major to reporters in Rome three days after they fled Libya.

Former Libyan Foreign Minister Abdel Rahman Shalgam, who now backs the anti-Gadhafi rebels, told the news conference that the eight officers are "part of 120 officials who left and abandoned Gadhafi and are now out of Libya."

Italy, Libya's former colonial ruler, long had close economic and diplomatic ties with Tripoli. But Rome was among the first Western nations to break with the regime and establish formal relations with the Libyan National Transitional Council that is representing anti-Gadhafi forces.

Gen. On Ali On read an appeal to fellow army officers, top police and security officials "in the name of the martyrs who have fallen in the defence of freedom to have the courage" to abandon the regime.

Another general, identified as Yahmet Salah, told reporters that Gadhafi had only two brigades left that were allegedly carrying out the arrests and killings. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Mayor Gregor Robertson

WILL MAYOR BET TO WRESTLE A BEAR?

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HOME ICE ADVANTAGE

Vancouver's mayor loves to bet other mayors on the Canucks' post-season fortunes. The last three years, he's disappointedly mailed off a picnic basket of local treats.

But thanks to the Canucks' playoff run, Gregor Robertson is living high on the hog (he's already won a ham from Nashville). But he seems to be running short of ideas for the Stanley Cup final and has taken to Twitter (@MayorGregor) for suggestions on what to bet Boston Mayor Thomas Menino.

Ideas so far: having the loser shave his head and — my favourite — wrestling with a bear or swimming with an orca.

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Canada tour for newlyweds

Trip will mark the first visit to Canada for the Duchess of Cambridge

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▶ Their Royal Highnesses Prince William, Duke of Cambridge, and Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, journey by carriage procession to Buckingham Palace following their marriage at Westminster Abbey on April 29 in London, England.

Two of the country's biggest summer shindigs will bookend Prince William and Kate's visit to Canada — a trip the government is expecting to be an international media circus.

The newlyweds will begin their first official overseas tour in Ottawa, where they will attend Canada Day celebrations, and end it with the Calgary Stampede, the world-famous annual hoedown in Alberta. There will also be stops in Quebec City, Montreal, Yellowknife, Charlottetown, and Summerside, P.E.I. (Kate is reportedly a big fan of Anne of Green Gables).

"This is part of what nation building is all about — hosting these kind of events," Heritage Minister James Moore said yesterday. "Hosting the duke and duchess is an honour for Canada and we look forward to having them visit all of these different regions."

Canadian taxpayers will be on the hook for costs associated with the visit. Moore said it would be under the $2 million shelled out for the Queen's last trip.

The tour is to begin June 30 and conclude July 8. A full itinerary will be released at a later date.

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Germany to close all nuke plants by 2022

Germany's seven oldest reactors, all built before 1980, shut down after problems at Fukushima • Plants provided 40 per cent of nuclear power

Germany's governing coalition said yesterday it will shut down all the country's nuclear power plants by 2022. The decision, prompted by Japan's nuclear disaster, will make Germany the first major industrialized nation to go nuclear-free in years.

It also completes a remarkable about-face for Chancellor Angela Merkel's government, which last year had pushed through a plan to extend the life span of the country's 17 reactors — with the last scheduled to go offline in 2036.

But Merkel now says industrialized Japan's helplessness in the face of the Fukushima disaster made her rethink the technology.

While Germany was set to abandon nuclear energy eventually, the decision — which requires parliamentary approval — speeds up that process.

Germany's seven oldest reactors, taken off the grid pending safety inspections following the March catastrophe at Japan's Fukushima Dai-ichi plant, will remain offline permanently, Environment Minister Norbert Roettgen said.

The country's energy supply chain "needs a new architecture," necessitating efforts in renewable energies and overhauling the electricity grid, Merkel said.

The determination of Europe's largest economy to replace its nuclear power with renewable energy sources makes it stand out among the world's major industrialized nations. Among other Group of Eight nations, only Italy has abandoned nuclear power, voted down in a referendum after the 1986 Chornobyl disaster, closing three operating reactors.

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"We want the electricity of the future to be safe, reliable and economically viable."
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Auto. Repairs

▶ Chrysler Group CEO Sergio Marchionne, right, speaks with Finance Minister Jim Flaherty during a visit to a Chrysler casting plant in Toronto yesterday. They say it's too soon to tell whether the federal and Ontario governments will sell their shares in the recovering car company to Italian carmaker Fiat.

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Shares with Italian flair?

Governments acquired 1.7 per cent of Chrysler shares two years ago as part of a bailout to help the company survive the economic downturn.

Market moment

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No glory for Canuck economy

102.35¢
Markets reacted negatively to the report initially, shaving one-tenth of a point off the loonie to 102.35 cents.

Canada's economy expanded an impressive 3.9 per cent in the first three months of this year, but there was little cheering in markets with the performance.

Not only was the number slightly below the four per cent consensus expectation, but the elements of growth signalled a sharp brake in the economy ahead.

The most encouraging news in the much-awaited Statistics Canada report yesterday is that the last month of the quarter — March — saw a gross domestic pickup of 0.3 per cent, slightly above consensus.

"Its not just the headline that matters. It's the composition of (first-quarter) growth that is disconcerting," said Derek Holt, vice-president of economics with Scotiabank.

The composition included a heavy dose of production placed in storage, awaiting future sales, with inventory buildup accounting for three-quarters of the growth.

Meanwhile, consumers were in hibernation, contributing only 0.1 percentage points to growth, and net trade was a drag, with the solid 1.6 per cent rise in exports from the previous quarter swamped by a 2.2 per cent gain in imports. The bright spots were in business investment, manufacturing and housing.

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CTV dishes plans for rebranding A channel

The CTV television network plans to rebrand its A channel stations this fall as the CTV Two network.

CTV's parent Bell Media says the new network will launch as the company transitions the stations to a high-definition signal.

The announcement was made yesterday at the start of "upfront" week, when many homegrown TV stations reveal their fall lineups in a bid to seek early ad deals.

Citytv announced its lineup yesterday. The Shaw schedule will be released today. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Postal strike to halt snail mail?

The union representing Canada Post's urban workers gave the Crown corporation an ultimatum yesterday that it will strike this week if its final offer is rejected.

Denis Lemelin, national president of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, said the union is in a legal position to strike on Thursday at 11:59 p.m. ET after turning down Canada Post's latest offer. Lemelin said the two sides have a history of reaching deals last minute, but said Canadians planning to send mail this week should consider the decision carefully.

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▶ Denis Lemelin, national president of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, appears in Ottawa yesterday.

GIRLS' GUIDE TO SURVIVING NHL PLAYOFFS

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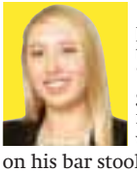

Say RIP to your relationship for the rest of the hockey season, ladies — your man is about to abandon you in favour of a bunch of bearded dudes on ice.

Yes, the seemingly impossible has happened; a Canadian team has made it to the Stanley Cup final. Now, it may not be "your" team, but the boys in blue and green are Canuck nonetheless, and that means that every Molson-blooded male will be taking up permanent residence on his bar stool/couch cushion of choice for the next two weeks.

A Canadian team hasn't taken home the cup since 1993, so, apparently, this is a pretty big deal. And with many hockey-loving lads still riding high off the 2010 Olympic gold medal win, it seems that people are excited about Vancouver's chances.

Personally, I feel pretty "meh" about hockey, but as someone who looks like Bambi out on the ice, I can appreciate the skill of the sport. Plus, there's fighting and beer; how is a girl going to compete with all the bruising and boozing the NHL has to offer?

"Starting tomorrow, be prepared for an absentee other half or, even worse, a living room full of rowdy puck enthusiasts with very little regard for the noise level or the furniture."

Starting tomorrow, be prepared for an absentee other half or, even worse, a living room full of rowdy puck enthusiasts with very little regard for the noise level or the furniture. Your presence will be entirely forgotten unless you're in charge of picking up the pizza.

Date nights will be replaced with double overtime. You will be subjected to endless recaps, stats and highlight reels. The sights and sounds of Don Cherry's colourful blazers and grating commentary will permeate your nightmares.

And, of course, don't expect to score unless his team does. Your sex life is about to become heavily dependent on Roberto Luongo's goaltending. If the Canucks do lose, the phrase "It's just a game" will only worsen your chances with your moody bedfellow.

So what's the best strategy when dealing with hockey-night neglect?

Stay away. Plan field trips with fellow hockey widows and make peace with the fact that you might not have a meaningful conversation with your mate until the post-season ends.

If you do find yourself staying in on game night, do your best to remember this simple commandment: Don't change the channel under any circumstances. It doesn't matter if it's The Bachelorette's "most dramatic rose ceremony ever" — if you even so much as glance at the remote during a commercial break you will be banished from your own home until after Game 7.

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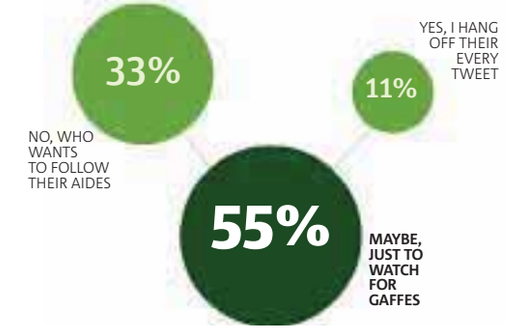

Local tweets

- **@jadeiris:** I was just getting used to /A\Channel, now I have to get use to CTV Two #lame #ldnont
- **@YoungDriversLon:** Be patient on your drives this week as the heat builds up. Some of those hotheads behind the wheel will be even hotter! #ldnont
- **@cylovesummer:** Officially accepted #UWO's offer for Economics and #Ivey AEO!
- **@manitowabi:** Back 2 the Grind tomorrow! Research, Research, Research! #UWO
- **@averysimplegirl:** Loving the sunshine in Victoria Park! Don't want to go back to work! So happy to be back working in downtown London #ldnont
- **@DayaCounselling:** Loving Spring bike rides!! The flowers are out and riding the trails in #ldnont is the best!
- **@StJohn_N:** Took an amazing break in the sunshine! Love the activity in the core. #ldnont #downtown
- **@alixmahe:** Beautiful sunny day in #ldnont. Brace yourselves for the humidity tomorrow. Apparently, it will "feel like" 40C!
- **@livrule:** stuck in class on this beautiful day ... Oh the joys of intersession. #uwo

Worth mentioning

TOKYO. A new poll yesterday showed that more than 80 per cent of Japanese voters do not trust government information about the country's nuclear crisis.

The poll conducted by Fuji Television Network also found that nearly 85 per cent of respondents said the utility that operates the stricken Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant is dealing with the crisis poorly. A March 11 earthquake and tsunami damaged crucial cooling systems at the plant, causing the worst nuclear crisis since Chornobyl. The twin disasters left more than 24,000 people dead or missing in northeastern Japan.

Eighty-one per cent of respondents to the survey said they did not trust government information about the crisis, Fuji TV said. Seventy-eight per cent said Prime Minister Naoto Kan lacked leadership in handling the disasters.

Kan is facing calls for his resignation even within his own ruling party. Opposition parties are expected to submit a no-confidence motion against him as early as Thursday.

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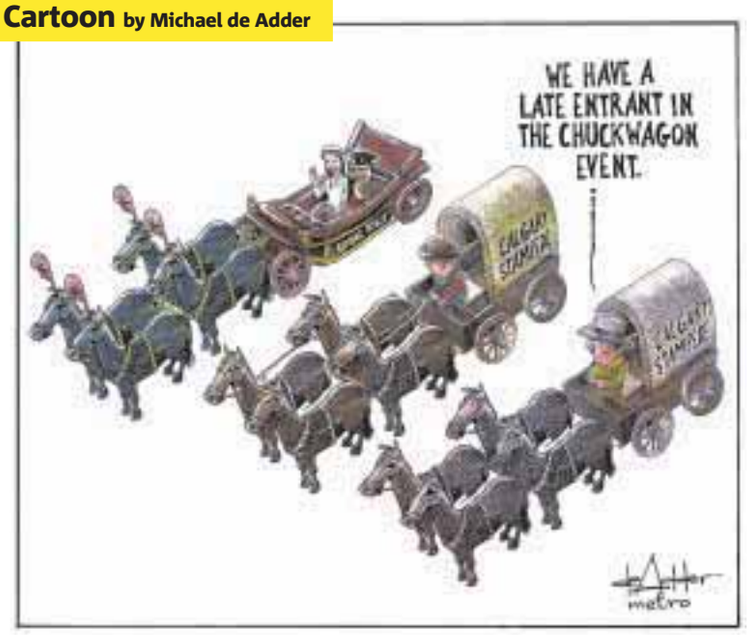

WEIRD NEWS

It was close to a one-way ticket to a kitchen

Railway officials recently discovered snakes on a train in Vietnam — highly venomous king cobras in bags under a seat.

Railroad official Pham Quynh said passengers were terrified when four cloth bags containing the writhing cobras were spotted Friday. The snakes were alive but had their mouths stitched shut.

Quynh said the exact number of snakes was unclear, but the bags weighed 45 kilograms.

Security staff removed the cobras, which were likely destined for restaurants in Hanoi. Their owner apparently escaped in the chaos.

Snake meat is considered a delicacy in Vietnam, but cobras are protected by law.

Quynh said the cobras were given to forest rangers who released them into the wild Saturday after no one claimed them.

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Morrison gets to sing with his idol

Glee star paired with Elton John for two songs on his new album
Actor has been involved in music theatre since he was a teen

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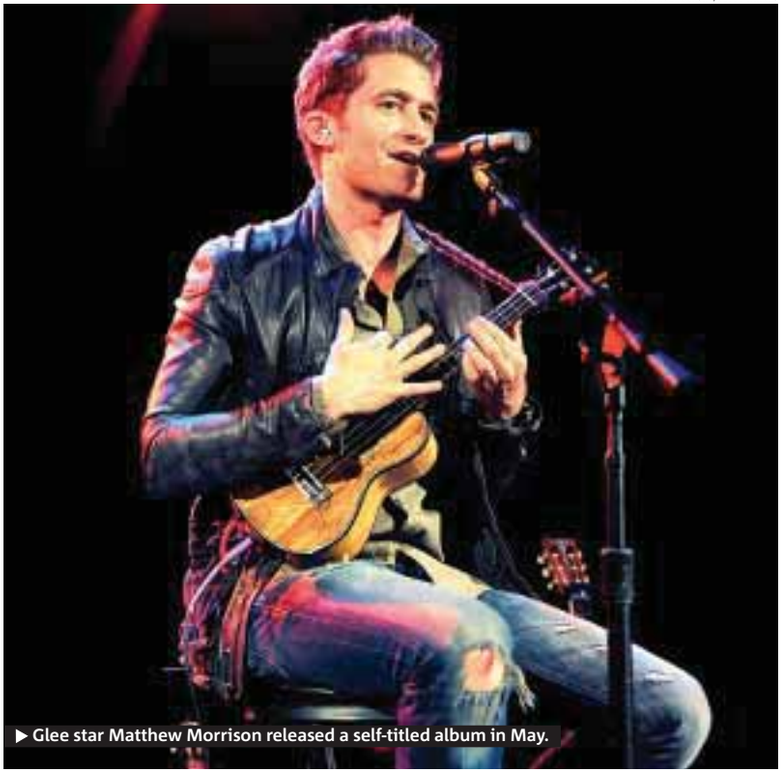

▶ Glee star Matthew Morrison released a self-titled album in May.

Glee star Matthew Morrison sings Somewhere Over The Rainbow with Gwyneth Paltrow on his self-titled debut album, but the dream he dared to dream, that really did come true, is singing with the legendary Elton John. The two recorded an epic medley of John's Mona Lisas and Mad Hatters and Rocket Man.

"I wanted to pay homage to one of my favourite songwriters," says Morrison, who had the good fortune to be in the studio with John for the tracking. "It was pretty surreal. I don't know how to describe it. I didn't really take in the moment until maybe a couple of days afterwards, where I was like, 'Did that actually happen?' It felt like a dream.

"I listen to that song now and his voice is so awesome, and then his voice fades out and then mine comes in and it's like, 'Woah!'"

Sting also joins him on Let Your Soul Be Your Pilot but the rest of the songs are solely Morrison. Some of the songs the 32-year-old co-wrote, including the album's lead single, Summer Rain.

"I thought that the first single had to start in a really kind of light poppy fun place," he says.

Morrison has worked in musical theatre since his teens and never before released an original album (he's been on Broadway albums). He realizes his role on the hit TV series as teacher and glee club director Will Schuester has opened doors he wouldn't normally have on a debut album, including bypassing club shows for theatres and an opening slot on the New Kids On The Block/Backstreet Boys tour.

"I have a whole band, an 11-piece band, a horn section," he says of the costly configuration. "I want to do it right and luckily enough from being on Glee, I think I have more of a support system behind me."

Boy band

LMNT. Matthew Morrison reveals he was once in a boy band called LMNT, complete with matching outfits, but quit before ever recording with them. "You know as a performer when you're embarrassed to be onstage doing the wrong thing," he explains. "It felt so contrived. It was back in 1999 or something where you couldn't throw a stick and not hit someone in a boy band (laughs)."

DVD Releases this week Buy it ●●●●● | Rent it ●●●● | Borrow it ●●● | Yawn ●● | Don't bother ●

Bardem brings best

Biutiful
Genre: Drama
Director: Alejandro González Iñárritu
Stars: Javier Bardem, Maricel Álvarez, Hanaa Bouchaib
●●●½

Javier Bardem talks to ghosts in Biutiful, a starkly emotive film by Alejandro González Iñárritu where the physical and metaphysical realms seem equally desperate. The ability of Bardem's grifter character Uxbal to commune with the dead is actually the most calming and least gloomy aspect of a film awash in misfortune and tragedy.

Ironically titled and deliberately misspelled, Biutiful grimly trawls the shadows of illegal immigration, poverty, police corruption, marital and parental dysfunction and mental and physical ills in the shabbier section of Barcelona, where Uxbal and his family live.

Even at a running time of 148 minutes, Biutiful at times seems like a slightly truncated version of what Iñárritu might have originally planned. Yet the loose ends don't matter when you have a performance as strong as Bardem's.

Extras include a making-of featurette.

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Drive Angry
Genre: Sci-Fi, Thriller
Director: Patrick Lussier
Stars: Nicholas Cage
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Drive Angry is a movie that should STFU — and by that I mean, "Stop Talking Fellows, Understand?" It's a supernatural road thriller starring Nicolas Cage, sizzling celluloid of a type normally relegated to drive-ins, grindhouses and other down-market retreats where the popcorn is served with buckets o' blood.

Drive Angry's director Patrick Lussier can't seem to resist including every one of the macho mutterings he and co-writer Todd Farmer scribbled into their notebooks. The movie drives us to distraction with verbose line readings that kill momentum.

PETER HOWELL

2 scene

Scene in brief

PBS officials say hackers have cracked the network's website. The hackers apparently posted a phoney story claiming dead rapper Tupac Shakur was alive in New Zealand.

PBS confirmed early yesterday morning on its official Twitter account that the website had been hacked. The phoney story had been taken down as of yesterday morning. It had been posted on the site of the PBS Newshour program.

A group calling itself LulzSec claimed responsibility and posted links to other hacks, including a video apparently taunting the network.

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Colombian popstar Shakira says she's considering doing songs, maybe album, in Arabic. Scan code for story.

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▶ Canadian singer-songwriter Corey Hart with his protegee Marie-Christine.

Hart comes out of self-imposed exile

Corey Hart says that dozens of artists — including the high-profile likes of Sean (P. Diddy) Combs and Canadian songstress Nelly Furtado — have asked him for permission to recycle his '80s hits for new songs, and he's always said no.

That is, until he met Marie-Christine Depestre. The chanteuse — who shares Hart's hometown of Montreal and drops her surname when performing — was completely unknown before Hart scooped her up as the inaugural signing on his record label in 2007.

Her debut album came out this week, and the opening tune is Girl in Shades, a re-interpretation of Hart's star-making '84 smash Sunglasses at Night.

While Hart long resisted allowing artists to repurpose his songs — the industry word is "interpolation" — he said this time, it simply felt right. And it helped that he was co-producing the track.

"All this time I've been saying no and not making any money — (and with) three (daughters) who want to play pro tennis, it costs a lot of money — and now I saw and understood the method to the madness: it was saved for her," Hart said this week in Toronto, with his protege seated next to him.

"So I rewrote lyrics and changed a few things in the melody and the structure, worked with a super-talented guy in DJ Champion ... and this lady sings it to heaven." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Citytv shows off its TV talent

Network snatches TV shows from some big Hollywood names for next year's fall schedule ◐ Also bringing Canada's Got Talent north of the border

TV shows from Hollywood heavyweight Steven Spielberg, Lost creator J.J. Abrams and The Dark Knight writer Jonathan Nolan are coming to Citytv this fall.

The network's 2011-12 schedule features several buzzed-about programs, including Spielberg's long-awaited dinosaur drama Terra Nova and the Abrams thriller Person of Interest, written and co-produced by Nolan.

Abrams' prison drama, Alcatraz, is slated for a midseason debut.

Citytv is the first of the homegrown outlets to reveal its upcoming slate of shows, a spring tradition that typically involves a parade of new and returning stars as broadcasters seek early ad deals.

The actor who plays Manny on Citytv's returning hit sitcom Modern Family is among the celebrities expected to help preview the lineup, which includes six new dramas and five new comedies.

New dramas include The Playboy Club, Revenge, and the midseason series Scandal. New comedies include 2 Broke Girls, New Girl, Suburgatory, Last Man Standing and the midseason Apartment 23.

▶ Sarah Jones and Jorge Garcia star in Alcatraz, a new TV show created by Lost's J.J. Abrams.

New Canadian series include Canada's Got Talent and Secret Millionaire Canada.

"We are excited to be launching a competitive schedule that balances the proven strength and stability of returning hits with innovative new programming," Rogers president Scott Moore said Monday in a release.

Rogers Media was reportedly the biggest Canadian buyer of U.S. shows in Los Angeles last week, when the company sought fresh fare for its Citytv stations.

Its fall lineup includes four shows that previously aired on other networks — Raising Hope, The Middle, Private Practice and Shameless.

Shaw Media plans to reveal its Global TV lineup today while market leader CTV will announce its schedule Thursday.

CBC-TV details its slate June 8.

Citytv's schedule also features the return of dramas Body of Proof and Fringe and returning comedy series, Happy Endings, How I Met Your Mother, Rules of Engagement, Parks and Recreation and Community.

Rico Rodriguez, who plays the wise-beyond-his-years tween on Modern Family will be joined by Happy Endings principal Elisha Cuthbert during a presentation at a downtown theatre.

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Lively is being 'wooed' by Leo

Pair spotted together in Italy, France

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▶ Leonardo DiCaprio

Leonardo DiCaprio's European tour with rumoured girlfriend Blake Lively continues, though the pair are doing their best to not be seen together.

After a trip to Italy, DiCaprio and Lively returned to France, where they were twice spotted leaving the Saint-Paul de Vence hotel in Saint-Paul separately, according to Us Weekly.

The next day, they returned to Cannes, where they were first spotted together two weeks ago, and boarded a yacht.

"Blake is definitely being wooed," a source says.

"This could be the beginning of something."

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Celebrity tweets

@kathygriffin

Sleeping off Paula Deen's home made cinnamon buns in her grandkids bunk beds!

@justinbieber

1200 feet in the air....not the best feeling. lol

@CarrieFFisher

I desperately need 4 #Glastonbury tickets. I'm willing to go to any lengths that doesn't involve nudity- you wont regret it.

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▶ Reports have linked January Jones to Claudia Schiffer's husband.

Jones won't snitch on her baby-daddy

January Jones has remained mum on the identity of her unborn baby's father, but E! Online reports that it may be her X-Men: First Class director, Matthew Vaughn, who is currently married to Claudia Schiffer. Sources say Jones and Vaughn shared a "very close" relationship on the film's set, and Schiffer and Vaughn also reportedly abandoned their rented home in Beverly Hills around the time Jones revealed she was pregnant.

Lawyers for Vaughn tell Page Six that the report is an "absolute lie."

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All-access to porn stars for Charlie?

Just days after Charlie Sheen announced he is selling his infamous Los Angeles mansion — which he dubbed Sober Valley Ranch during his in-home rehab earlier this year — he already has an offer.

The home is listed at $7.2 million, but adult entertainment company YouPorn is reportedly offering $4.5 million in cash, according to TMZ.

There's more to the offer, though, as the company wants to move several of Sheen's favourite porn stars into the five-bedroom, seven-bathroom estate and offer him 24-hour-a-day access.

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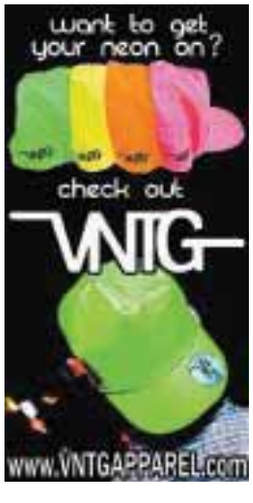
Threat

While Two and a Half Men may have been the highest-rated sitcom in the U.S. while Charlie Sheen was the star, not everyone loves the show, apparently. A Bronx, N.Y., man, reportedly called a local TV station on two occasions threatening to blow up the station's headquarters if they aired any more syndicated reruns of the show, according to the Hollywood Reporter.



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Stop smiling gents

New study out of Vancouver finds that happy-looking men appear less attractive to women

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Smiling is attractive in women, but in guys — not so much.

An intriguing new study done by psychologists in Vancouver has found that when it comes to attracting women, happy-looking men may finish last.

"There are major differences in the ways emotions affect attractiveness in the two genders," lead author Jessica Tracy told Metro. "When women smile and show happiness, men find that the most attractive. When men smile and show happiness, women find that the least attractive."

Tracy, who is a professor of psychology at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, along with graduate student Alec Beall, undertook two studies which included a total of 1,041 people. Subjects were shown hundreds of photographs of the opposite sex displaying either happiness (big smile), pride (puffed-out chest), shame (head down) or neutrality (no expression). The photo viewers were asked, "How attractive do you find this person?"

Results indicated women were most attractive showing happiness and least attractive showing pride. Men were most attractive when showing pride and least sexy showing happiness. Surprisingly, among young women looking at photographs, even men showing shame were more attractive than men showing happiness.

> **"There are major differences in the ways emotions affect attractiveness in the two genders"**
> DR. JESSICA TRACY

What's wrong with smiling men? It could be that since men are assumed to be sexually receptive, when they smile, they seem needy or desperate. Women prefer the bad-boy look.

"Men who show pride are tough, strong and powerful and women find that attractive," says Tracy.

Since the study involved photos, it only reflects people's first impressions.

"In dating there are lots of other things at play," says Tracy. "It may be relevant only in situations where you only show a photo."

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▶ Want to meet girls? Try the brooding approach, a new study suggests.

Body issues

One third of women on university campuses would trade one year of their life to get their ideal body weight and shape, according to a new study in the U.K. And almost 40 per cent would have cosmetic surgery if money wasn't an issue.

CELIA MILNE

A new tool being used for fighting oral cancer

Miso adds special flavour to meatless burgers

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▶ This recipe takes 25 minutes to complete and produces eight sliders.

Made from ground chickpeas, these patties are traditionally fried but can also be cooked in a skillet or baked. And because chickpeas are agreeable to a broad range of flavours, it's easy to play with the seasonings and other ingredients.

Preparation:

1. In a bowl, whisk 30 ml (2 tbsp) of the miso and mayonnaise. Set aside.
2. In a food processor, combine chickpeas, remaining miso, cilantro, olive oil, garlic powder, five-spice powder, salt, pepper and lemon zest. Pulse until coarsely chopped.
3. Form mix into 8 patties about 7.5 cm (3 inches) around and about 4 cm (1 1/2 inches) thick. As you are forming patties, firmly pack with fingers.
4. Place breadcrumbs in shallow bowl. One at a time, set each patty in bowl; pat breadcrumbs onto all sides.
5. In large skillet over medium-high, heat 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the sesame oil. Add patties and cook until browned and heated through, 3 to 4 minutes per side. If patties start to stick, add another 15 ml (1 tbsp) of oil when flipping.
6. Serve burgers on buns topped with miso-mayonnaise, lettuce and tomato.

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Ingredients:

- 120 ml (8 tbsp) sweet white miso, divided
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) mayonnaise
- 2 cans (398 ml/14 oz) chickpeas, drained
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) chopped fresh cilantro
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) olive oil
- 10 ml (2 tsp) garlic powder
- 5 ml (1 tsp) five-spice powder
- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) ground black pepper
- Zest of 1 lemon
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) panko breadcrumbs
- 15 to 30 ml (1 to 2 tbsp) sesame oil
- Sliced tomato
- Leaf lettuce
- 8 mini burger buns

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When you're in a hurry, there seldom seems to be an option to unhealthy fast food.

Fortunately, Marky's Crepes and Waffles is providing a decadent wholesome alternative.

The tiny but quaint eatery beckons me to sample its small menu of savoury and sweet crepes.

Charming owner Milica Markovic prepares my meal personally and seeing the crepe get made and folded is fun.

I order a Ham-It-Up crepe ($4.99) and watch her create my stuffed crepe along with a fantastic frothy blueberry smoothie ($2.85). Modest in portion, the crepe is delicate with just the right amount of crispiness, and is surprisingly filling.

The thinly-sliced ham and mozzarella is accompanied by juicy tomato, lettuce, and a light Dijon, dusted with parmesan.

PAUL MITCHELL

▶ Ham-It-Up crepe ($4.99) from Marky's Crepes & Waffles.

Unable to resist, I treat myself to a Belgian waffle ($3.75) — the icing sugar and cinnamon provide a sweet finale.

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Watermelon Aqua Fresca

Preparation:

1. Blend half of watermelon pieces with 125 ml (1/2 cup) of the water until smooth. Strain into serving pitcher. Repeat process with remaining watermelon and water. Add lime juice and honey. Stir until blended. Pour into ice-filled glasses nd garnish with watermelon triangles skewered with lime wedge.

Ingredients:

- 1 l (4 cups) watermelon, cut into chunks, divided
- 250 ml (1 cup) cold water, divided
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) freshly squeezed lime juice
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) honey
- Ice cubes
- Garnish: Watermelon triangles, lime wedges

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WHO SAID DATING SITES DON'T WORK?

Names:
David, 47, and Mable, 42

Hometown:
Edmonton

Together since:
2002

Their story:

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▶ David and Mable

It was July 2002, and I (Mable) had just requested a leave of absence from work to travel to India and Southeast Asia for six months.

Just for fun, I signed up with Lavalife and started casually dating before I left.

None of the guys seemed right for me until I met David.

Three weeks before my September departure date, I had practically moved into David's place.

D-Day was approaching, and we had to decide what to do about our relationship. I told David it was OK for him to move on with his life; he didn't have to wait for me.

Instead, he decided to join me for six weeks around Christmas.

It was very sad when it came time for me to leave, but I knew I would see him in less than four months.

When he joined me over the holidays, we were both amazed at how well we travelled together.

Backpacking in Asia can be very challenging, and he did extremely well considering he had never travelled overseas before.

When it came time for him to leave, we were both in tears again, but we knew we'd see each other in six weeks. The trip had gone so well, we knew we'd be together for good. It was the longest month and a half of my life, and my enthusiasm for travel just wasn't the same without him.

When I returned home in late February 2003, we went back to living together. David proposed a few months later, and we were married in September that year. We now have a very bright four-year-old, Charlotte, who keeps us laughing and on our toes.

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My husband and I both work so our weekends are crazy busy. I'd like to hire a cleaning service to free up some time, but he thinks we'd be throwing away our cash. How can I convince him it would be money well-spent?

Derek says...

Time is money, and hiring a cleaning service is like buying yourself some spare time. If he doesn't help out already, put a dust cloth and toilet bowl brush in his hands and ask him to start scrubbing. After one Saturday afternoon, I'm sure he will find cash from his beer budget to help stuff the cleaning-bill jar.

Angela says ...

Take a look at all your expenses, and then price out what it would cost to have your home cleaned bi-weekly.

It might be easier to afford than you both realize — maybe it just means one less dinner out. Try it out a couple of times and he'll likely warm up to the feeling of coming home to a clean house after work (especially the lovely fresh bedsheets!).

Enough with ties: This Father's Day give Dad what he really wants

Having exhausted their quota of ties, tools and sports paraphernalia, many Canadians struggle every year to come up with thoughtful and affordable gift ideas for Father's Day.

TD Credit Cards associate vice president, Stacie Pearson, offers her top three present ideas for the dad who has everything.

1. Quality time with Dad Father's Day is a great time to sit back and relax with Dad but why not get out and enjoy the day together? You don't have to break the budget — get outdoors and shoot some hoops at a local park, spend an afternoon at the movies or catch a game together with tickets to his favourite sports team.

2. Gift cards No longer the faux pas of present giving, a gift card will give your dad the chance to pick out a gift that he is truly excited about.

3. A new skill Surprise your dad with classes to something he's always wanted to try like gourmet cooking, home beer brewing or sailing.

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NEWS CANADA

▶ Step up your game this Father's Day.

Lessons learned from my mum's spending

ON MONEY

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Last week I was the MC of the joint FCAC-OECD Partnering to turn Financial Literacy into Action conference held in Toronto. Attending were over 400 delegates from all over the world.

As part of my introductory remarks I told the story of growing up in the 1950s in Canada the daughter of an air force officer and a stay-at-home housewife.

My dear old dad was the absolute monarch of our family finances.

He got his pay on the last Friday of every month and immediately deposited it in the bank.

He kept some cash for himself and placed some more in a plain white envelope, which he sealed and bestowed upon my mother as she mixed their Friday night Manhattans.

Mum guarded her housekeeping money zealously. I never knew how much he gave her, and that envelope was a source of endless mystery to me.

In those days, a woman was considered a poor housekeeper and wife if she couldn't make the money last until the end of the month. If she was particularly careful, there would be some left over, and she could use that for herself.

My mother was quite brilliant at squirrelling away nickels and dimes for an extra visit to the hairdresser.

Looking back, I told the delegates, I think that if all the world's financial affairs had been turned over to women of the "housekeeping money" generation, there would have been no sovereign defaults, no asset-backed commercial paper debacle, no subprime mortgage meltdown.

And most certainly no budget overruns!

ISTOCK

▶ Alison's money rule: Set spending limits, monitor them, then tell yourself, 'when it's gone it's gone!'

I have this image of a woman, like my late mother, passing out envelopes to government ministers, banks and other corporations and issuing a stern warning. "When it's gone, it's gone. Don't bother coming back for more!"

Throughout the conference my mother's envelope took on a life of its own. Numerous delegates came to tell me that it had been raised in their workshop and a number of presenters wove it into their speech.

Financial literacy

- There are wonderful resources for financial literacy at the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada: fcac-acfc.gc.ca/

I think the message is that something as tangible as cash in an envelope, designated for a certain purpose provides the kind of spending limit no debit or credit card can do.

Maybe it is time to turn back the clock.

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Know your desired price range. Narrow down your list to just a few makes and models.

You're more likely to get what you want when you know what you want.

Determine the value of the car and be prepared to negotiate a price. Don't get suckered into "snooze or lose" sales tactics.

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When buying used, it's important to learn as much about the car as possible so you avoid buying a lemon.

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Take the car for a test drive and test everything; from the brakes to the power windows.

Check the vehicle's vehicle identification number (VIN) and get a vehicle history report.

The VIN number is visible under the windshield and also on the vehicle's title.

The report is about $30 to $50 and can be purchased through carfax.com or carproof.com. Pull a lien report at your local registry and pay for a professional inspection.

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The return of the King

Back in the NBA finals for first time since suffering sweep in 2007, LeBron is 'honoured' to be there

LeBron James walked through the tunnel leading from the Miami Heat locker-room yesterday, stepped onto the court and gave a yell. He looked down at the NBA finals logo newly affixed on the floor, then smiled and nodded.

With that, it became real. His championship chance — the biggest reason he came to Miami — has finally arrived.

Swept out of his only other finals appearance four years ago, James will get his long-awaited second opportunity starting tonight when the Heat host the Dallas Mavericks in Game 1 of the NBA's title series.

After a year like no other in his life, starting with the much-criticized "Decision," his jerseys being torched in Cleveland and never-ending, intense scrutiny of his every move, the last challenge will likely prove to be the toughest of them all.

"I'm honoured to be here once again," said James, who led the Cavaliers to the 2007 finals and lost in four games to San Antonio. "Now with this franchise, it's an honour.

"As players, we worked hard. I worked hard individually to get to this point. And I had a lot of visions of being in this moment and now it's hit me, being on that floor, seeing the championship logos and everything, the finals logos. I'm very excited."

It showed yesterday.

He chatted with teammates, taking part in a long-shooting contest with Dwyane Wade, Eddie House and others, looking perfectly comfortable as dozens of photographers clicked away for 30 straight minutes. By now, being in the microscope is an accepted part of the deal for James, who has been dealing with this since his high school days.

Away from the court, though, those who are around the two-time NBA MVP say his focus is even sharper than usual. Winning a title likely won't change perceptions about James. His fans will surely remain fans, his critics will surely remain critics, no matter what happens.

But to him, a championship would mean everything that took place since he publicly said he would join the Heat was all worthwhile.

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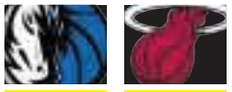

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▶ Dwyane Wade, left, and LeBron James share a laugh yesterday during practice.

Quoted

"Normally, when you're our age, people count you out. They say you don't have anything left in the tank. But as you get older in this league, you get wiser."

MIAMI'S JUWAN HOWARD, ON DALLAS'S JASON KIDD. HOWARD WAS DRAFTED A FEW SPOTS AFTER KIDD IN 1994-95 AND IS THE ONLY PLAYER OLDER THAN KIDD IN THIS YEAR'S NBA FINALS. BOTH PLAYERS ARE 38.

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▶ Rafael Nadal

Nadal through to quarter-finals

Rafael Nadal improved his record at Roland Garros to 42-1, beating Ivan Ljubicic 7-5, 6-3, 6-3 yesterday to reach the quarter-finals of the French Open.

The five-time champion was not troubled on Court Philippe Chatrier, and the win kept him on course to equal Bjorn Borg's record of six titles on the Parisian clay.

"I have improved since the tournament started," said Nadal, who was pushed to five sets in the first round. "I'm able to play better and I'm going to continue on this path."

Novak Djokovic also had a successful day, even though he wasn't scheduled to play. The second-seeded Serb reached the semifinals of the tournament — where he could meet Roger Federer — when quarter-final opponent Fabio Fognini withdrew because of injury.

"Walkover from Fognini. Bad luck for him, hope he recovers fast. Today i get to enjoy Paris in a different way :-)" Djokovic wrote on Twitter.

Maria Sharapova also advanced yesterday, as did Australian Open runner-up Li Na. Fourth-seeded Andy Murray and Viktor Troicki of Serbia were even at two sets each when their match was suspended because of darkness at 4-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Nadal won four straight titles at the French Open before losing to Robin Soderling in the fourth round in 2009. He will face Soderling in the quarter-finals this year after the fifth-seeded Swede defeated Gilles Simon of France 6-2, 6-3, 7-6 (5).

"For me it will be a tough match," Nadal said. "He's played two finals here at Roland Garros, so he knows what this means. He's got to play his best tennis."

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▶ Ryan Kesler of the Canucks battles with the Bruins' Tomas Kaberle in a regular-season game in Vancouver on Feb. 26.

Cup final has makings of a classic

Bruins plan to be physical against well-rested Canucks

The date was Feb. 26, there were stars aplenty on both sides, and the Vancouver Canucks and Boston Bruins met on Hockey Night in Canada in what turned out to be a dandy.

Little did they know that the Bruins' 3-1 victory in Vancouver would turn out to be a preview of the Stanley Cup final.

But to the Bruins, it was just one regular-season game out of 82. Sure, it was a big win. Tim Thomas made 26 saves and Vancouver native Milan Lucic scored the game winner. It was a feel-good night, for sure.

The Bruins practised one last time in Boston yesterday before heading to Vancouver and were complimentary of their opponent.

"Obviously, they're a President's Trophy winner, they're a great hockey team, deep and well coached, and we'll look at things we have to do," Bruins forward Mark Recchi said. "Any key to your team's success is how you play personally. I think we focus on what we do ourselves ... It's who's going to want it more and who's going to play to their abilities the best."

By the time the puck drops in Game 1 tomorrow night, the Canucks, will have had seven days off.

"That's a real challenge for us, to be aggressive but not be stupid about it. So, we have to be smart in our defensive play."
BOSTON'S DENNIS SEIDENBERG ON DEFENDING THE SEDIN TWINS

The Canucks have many weapons, most notably Daniel and Henrik Sedin, the twin forwards who, along with forward Ryan Kesler and goaltender Roberto Luongo, have led this Vancouver renaissance. Together, the Sedins have 37 points this post-season, and Daniel has eight goals.

Kesler could be the X-factor, though. Too much concentration on the Sedins, and the rugged centre will pounce. Kesler scored 41 goals in a breakout regular-season and has followed that up with seven goals and 11 assists in the playoffs.

"There is a lot of skill, there is a lot of speed," Boston coach Claude Julien said in reference to the Canucks. "So, they are a pretty potent team and obviously, they thrive on their power play. So, we are going to have to be a physical team. But we are also going to have to be a very disciplined team."

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STANLEY CUP FINAL

Canucks study tape of alien B's

Every edge counts and the Vancouver Canucks are looking to video to provide one in the Stanley Cup final against the Boston Bruins.

The series opener is tomorrow night, but the teams hardly know each other in game situations because they play in different conferences.

They face each other maybe once a year, during the NHL's regular-season grind with little preparation time.

But the two clubs will know each other a little better through video before they step on the ice in Vancouver.

"That's what we're going to use the next couple of days for," goalie Roberto Luongo said after yesterday's practice.

"We're going to get as much video as we can on them, go through their players, making sure we know everything we need to know about them, their systems and their tendencies and make sure we're as ready as we can be and we don't get any surprises."

Even though he used to play in the Eastern Conference, Luongo said he's familiar with only two Bruin forwards — Nathan Horton and Patrice Bergeron.

"Most of them are going to be (familiar) through video and talking to (goalie coach) Rollie (Melanson) and guys who have played with their players," Luongo said.

Coach Alain Vigneault said watching video of the Bruins will be like looking at a brand new opponent.

"That one game in the season is probably not reflective of how both teams play on a regular basis," Vigneault said.

"I don't think you can put too much emphasis on the stats from that game."

One Canuck who won't need much video to become familiar with the Bruins is Maxim Lapierre, who has faced them many times as a member of the Montreal Canadiens.

His scouting report was succinct and to the point. "It's a team that's going to show up every shift on the ice," he said.

"It's going to be tough and it's going to be a war."

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Reports say Thrashers move to Winnipeg nearly done

The Winnipeg NHL watch continues with reports that the Atlanta Thrashers' sale could be complete this week, possibly as early as today.

The Thrashers' owners are in negotiations with True North Sports and Entertainment, which wants to move the team to Winnipeg.

While reports suggested the news might come sooner rather than later, those in the know chose their words carefully yesterday afternoon.

True North spokesman Scott Brown told The Canadian Press via email that "no press conference has been scheduled as of yet."

And NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly said in an email that "there is nothing done as of now."

The NHL would likely prefer the Thrashers' sale is announced on a Stanley Cup final off-day.

Still, Daly told The Associated Press yesterday there is no strict rule against releasing big news during the final.

Daly said, "It's certainly possible something will be finalized this week."

Yesterday was Memorial Day in the U.S.

The two sides have been working through complex legal details on the sale and relocation of the team. Thrashers fans' hopes for a late local buyer have not been realized.

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said on his weekly radio show on Thursday the inability to find an owner who wants to keep the team in Atlanta is a barrier the league can't overcome.

"It would be one of those head scratchers where you say, 'Look at all of this great corporate opportunity, look at all of this grassroots hockey, why doesn't somebody want to own a team here?'" Bettman said. "And that would be a difficult but unfortunate situation to be dealing with if it has reached, or does reach that point."

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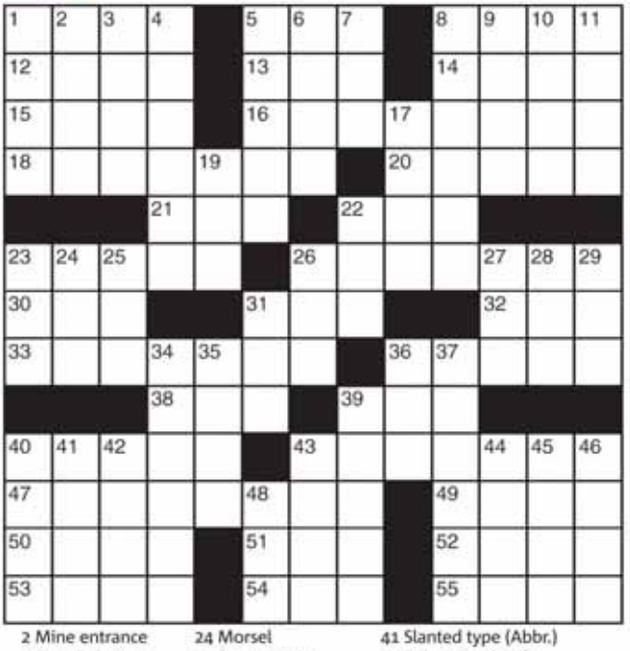

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♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Do whatever it takes to stay in good spirits.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Just because others are greeting the day with a frown does not mean you have to do likewise.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 If you don't feel like working today then don't force yourself.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You are where you are, so get real and make the best of it.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 There are days when it is wiser to keep your thoughts to yourself and this is one of them.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Employers and colleagues will be demanding today.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 There is a thin line between genius and folly.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Don't let your imagination get in the way of logic.

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